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# **TESTIMONIAL RESOLUTIONS AND SPECIAL PRIVILEGE**

## Testimonial Resolution

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## In Memoriam

## DR. GEORGE EDWARD PIERCE

May 4, 1931 – July 7, 2019

**WHEREAS:** Dr. George Edward Pierce was born on May 4, 1931, in Paris, Tennessee to the union of Clara McKnight and Andrew Pierce. He was raised by his step-mother, Alena. He was the youngest of six children. His siblings Estelle, Ella, Erma, Andrew, and Salather, preceded him in death. He moved to the city of Detroit when he was an infant; AND

**WHEREAS:** Dr. Pierce was educated in the Detroit Public Schools system excelling academically and in football. He graduated from Northern High School and enlisted in the United States Army where he attained the rank of Captain. Dr. Pierce attending Wayne State University and earned a Bachelor of Science in Education in 1957; Master of Science in Education in 1958, and Doctorate of Education with a concentration in Administration and Supervision in 1966. He was one of the first African-Americans to receive a Doctorate from Wayne State University; AND

**WHEREAS:** Dr. Pierce married the former Nellie Clark in 1952. To this union, three children, Greg, Kathi, and Troy were born. Nellie Pierce preceded him in death in 1993; AND

**WHEREAS:** Dr. Pierce was a devoted educator and administrator in the Detroit Public School System, working for more than 42 years. The majority of his career was with the Detroit Board of Education. He began as a teacher and rose to curriculum administrator, assistant principal, assistant superintendent, the last 19 years of his career as a Region/Area Superintendent. As a school leader and mentor, Dr. Pierce assisted many while his primary focus was servicing children in the City of Detroit, helping others obtain a career in the Detroit Public School System, and encouraging students and colleagues to seek the highest possible goals. Dr. Pierce was honored with a Spirit of Detroit Award for Educational Leadership, recognized by the Michigan House of Representative, Michigan State Senate, Wayne County Commission for Educational Leadership, and the State Department of Education for assisting in the development of an exemplary secondary school; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

**RESOLVED:** On this date, July 19, 2019, that Councilman Roy McCalister, Jr. and the entire Detroit City Council hereby present this testimonial resolution as an expression of gratitude and esteem, on behalf of the residents of the City of Detroit, to honor the life and service of Dr. George Edward Pierce. We extend our deepest sympathy and join with family and friends to celebrate the life of Dr. George Edward Pierce.



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